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PATENT APPLICATION EXAMINING OPERATIONS

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Title : EXPANDED POROUS THERMOPLASTIC POLYMER MEMBRANES
AND METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified application as noted below.

In the Specification

At page 1, line 1, delete "AND DEVICE" from the title.

At page 1 line 3, insert the following: "This is a divisional of Application Serial No. 09/642,390 filed August 18, 2000. The priority of PCT/EP 99/00286 filed January 19, 1999 and DE 198 03 362.1 filed January 29, 1998 is claimed pursuant to USC 35 §§120 and 365(b), respectively."

A copy of page 1 showing the foregoing revisions is enclosed.

In the Claims

Cancel, without prejudice, claims 1-5 and 12-17.

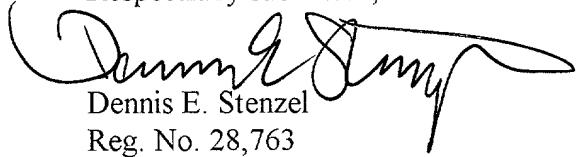
Add new claim 21 as follows:

21. The product of the method of claim 6.

REMARKS

A Petition for Extension of Time of two months was filed in connection with a Request for Continued Examination of parent application 09/642,390 filed August 18, 2000, and a copy is enclosed herewith. In addition, a copy of a Supplemental Declaration filed in the same parent application is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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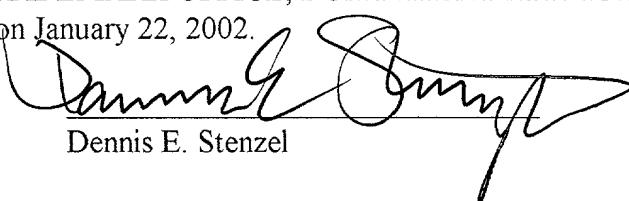
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